THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. In addition to Indian Airlines Vayudoot Ltd. also operate on Calcutta-Agartala sector.

(b) and (c) Domestic air fare in India is one of the lowest in the world. Fare in the Calcutta-Agartala sector is about 22 per cent lower than the fares on comparative sector in other parts of the country.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government is aware of the problem of transport in the State of Tripura.

Progress report on power projects to U.S Government

*33. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to send regular progress reports to the U. S. Government on power projects involving U. S. investment; and

(b) if so, what are the compulsions in sending such reports to the U. S. Government and what are the implications on the domestic power industry?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Cable Television in Tamil Nadu

*34. SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to hind it;

(a) whether it is a fact that Cable Operators in Tamil Nadu have to register their names in the different offices as instructed by the State Government of Tamil Nadu as well as under the Cable T.V. Regulation Ordinance promulgated by the Central Government;

(b) if so, what is the rationable behind it.

(c) whether there is any monitoring agency to check the violation of Advertisement Code by the T.V.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Ordinance provides for registration of cable operators in the country. The Act enacted by the Government of Tamil Nadu provides for grant of licence only for exhibition of film on television screen through video cassette recorder or through cable television network.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan previews the advertisements to ensure that these do not violate any of the provisions of the provisions of the Code for Commercial Advertising.

Financial assistance to sick industries in Gujarat and Maharashtra

*35. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of financial assistance provided to sick units in Gujarat and Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the number of sick industries in the State alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether proposals for providing financial assistance to sick industries are pending with Government as on date; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in respect of these proposals and by when the same are likely to be disposed of finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The date reporting system of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate information in the manner asked for. However, RBI have reported that the number of sick small scale industrial (SSI) units and non-SSI units and outstanding credit of scheduled commercial banks during the last three years